

CLAIMS:

1. A method for purchasing and replenishing wireless network calling
5 time, comprising:
purchasing wireless network calling time through a Web site;
saving data encoding the purchased calling time from the Web site
to a portable networking device;
transmitting the data encoding the purchased calling time from the
10 portable networking device to an onboard system.
2. The method of claim 1 further comprising:
saving an encrypted record of data associated with the purchase
within the Web site record structure.
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3. The method of claim 1 further comprising:
maintaining an updated record of remaining calling time within the
onboard system.
- 20 4. The method of claim 3 further comprising:
notifying the subscriber when less than a specified amount of
calling time remains.

5. A computer-usable medium including a program for purchasing and replenishing wireless network calling time, comprising:

- computer readable code for purchasing wireless network calling
5 time through a Web site;
computer readable code for saving data encoding the purchased
calling time from the Web site to a portable networking device;
computer readable code for transmitting the data encoding the
purchased calling time from the portable networking device to an onboard
10 system.

6. The computer-usable medium of claim 5 further comprising:
computer readable code for saving an encrypted record of data
associated with the purchase within the Web site record structure.

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7. The computer-usable medium of claim 5 further comprising:
computer readable code for maintaining an updated record of
remaining calling time within the onboard system.

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8. The computer-usable medium of claim 7 further comprising:
computer readable code for notifying the subscriber when less than
a specified amount of calling time remains.

9. A system for purchasing and replenishing wireless network calling time, comprising:

5 means for purchasing wireless network calling time through a Web site;

means for saving data encoding the purchased calling time from the Web site to a portable networking device;

means for transmitting the data encoding the purchased calling time from the portable networking device to an onboard system.

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10. The system of claim 9 further comprising:

means for saving an encrypted record of data associated with the purchase within the Web site record structure.

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11. The system of claim 9 further comprising:

means for maintaining an updated record of remaining calling time within the onboard system.

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12. The system of claim 11 further comprising:

means for notifying the subscriber when less than a specified amount of calling time remains.